**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services - Health Medical & Family Welfare Department – DME – Dr. R.Bhavani Shankar, Professor of Pediatrics, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam - Involved in Criminal case in Cr.No.01/2024 on the allegations of sexual harassment – Placed under Suspension – Orders – Issued.

**HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (VC.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.209** **Dated:13.03.2024**
**Read:**

From the DME, AP, Vijayawada, e.file with Computer No:2354910.

**ORDER:**

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that Dr. R.Bhavani Shankar, Professor of Pediatrics, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam was involved in Criminal case in Cr.No.01/2024 u/s 342,509,109 IPC r/w 9(P) of POCSO Act-2012 Section 3(1) (w)(i), 3(2)(va), 3(1) (r)(s) of SC, ST (POA) Act-2015 r/w 34 IPC at Maharani Peta, Police Station, Visakhapatnam City for allegations of committing sexual harassment against minor Schedule Caste girl vide reference read above.

2. Whereas, the Government, after careful consideration of the material made available, having due regard to the circumstances of the case with sufficient prima facie evidence, have decided to place Dr. R.Bhavani Shankar, Professor of Pediatrics, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam under suspension in public interest pending enquiry/ disciplinary action.

3. Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Rule (1) (A) of Rule-8 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, the Government hereby place Dr. R.Bhavani Shankar, Professor of Pediatrics, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam under suspension with immediate effect pending enquires as per provisions of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against him. The individual shall continue to be under suspension until further orders.

4. It is further ordered that during the suspension period Dr. R.Bhavani Shankar, Professor of Pediatrics, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam shall not leave the headquarters without obtaining prior permission.

5. During the period of suspension, Dr. R.Bhavani Shankar, Professor of Pediatrics, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam shall be paid subsistence allowance in accordance with F.R.53.

6. The Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further action in the matter.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**Dr MANJULA D HOSMANI**
**SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Dr. R. Bhavani Shankar, Professor of Pediatrics, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam, through the DME, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada.
(with a request to serve the order copy and return the served copy with dated acknowledgement to the Government)
The OSD to Hon'ble Min (HFW&ME).
The PS to Special Chief Secretary to Government, HM&FW Department.
The PS to Secretary to Government, HM&FW Department.
SF/SC

**//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//**

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